Rural employment in Karnataka

3014. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement programme for creating rural employment in the State of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the achievements made in the State under this programme during the Ninth Five Year Plan period alongwith the amount spent; and

(c) the arrangement made during the Tenth Five Year Plan period for this State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for creating rural employment in the country, including Karnataka. Under this scheme, margin money is provided at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining project cost. For SC/ST and other weaker sections, margin money at the rate of 30% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project is provided. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 10% of the project cost, but in the case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, the beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost.

(b) The achievements made in Karnataka under this Scheme during Ninth plan are given below:

(i)	Number of units established	10325
(ii)	Margin Money paid as grant	Rs. 48.71 crores
(iii)	Number of employment opportunities created	95598 persons

(c) The target set for the Tenth Plan under the REGP is to generate 2 million additional employment opportunities with a total allocation of Rs. 1250 crores, in the country including Karnataka. An amount of Rs. 15.60 crores has been utilized in Karnataka in the Year 2002-03 as

margin money under REGP and an amount of Rs. 9.72 crores has been earmarked for the year 2003-04. Further, allocation for the rest of the Tenth plan period will be based on the performance of the State.

Setting up of agro-based industries

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SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan to promote setting up of agro-based industries in the rural areas of different States;

(b) if so, the outline thereof and since when it has been initiated;

(c) whether Government have allotted any fixed amount to each State under the same scheme; and

(d) if so, the said amounts for the year 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For the promotion and development of village industries sector including agro-based industries, the Government is implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in the country. The programme is under implementation since 01.04.1995. Under this scheme margin money is provided at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining project cost. For SC/ST and other weaker sections, margin money at the rate of 30% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project is provided. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 10% of the project cost, but in the case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, the beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. The State-wise targets for the projects to be financed and employment generation for the year 2003-04 is given Statement *(See* below*)*.

(c) and (d) For the year 2003-04, the allocation for REGP is Rs. 210.00 crores for the country. However, no fixed allocation is made State-wise.

† Orgional notice of the question was received in Hindi.